



DAVONE PAQUETTE shows her winning painting, chosen the best by her fellow artists at the Jack Reid Watercolour Workshop, Rockwood. Behind the painting is artist-teacher Jack Reid, and to the right Jack Pollack of Pollack Galleries Toronto, who presented the prize.

## Judge best paintings from artists' workshop

by Barbara Wynneck

Over 27 artists joined at the Rockmosa Community Centre on April 8, to act as their own jurors, judging the best paintings that they had created at Jack Reid's Watercolour Workshop last summer.

Water-colour artist and teacher Jack Reid, and his wife Maggie, have been living in Rockwood during the last year. Mr. Reid conducted artists' workshops here last summer, using Rockmosa Community Centre as his meeting point. He will do the same during the month of

July this year, even though he and his wife are moving from the village.

Jack Pollack, art authority, lecturer, and teacher of the Pollack Galleries, Toronto, presented the prizes. In his remarks, Mr. Pollack stated that Mr. Reid is the finest water colour artist in Canada, as well as an inspiring teacher. He added that Mr. Reid is always pushing, extending himself, not doing the same thing over and over on his canvases.

According to Mr. Pollack, water colour is a "naked art"—you can't cover your

mistakes. He was most impressed with the handling of the material displayed in the many artists' works.

Mr. Reid was impressed and proud of his students' work in the show. Each of the three winners received a Jack Reid painting. First prize winner will send an artist of her choice, to Jack's Rockwood workshop this summer, free of charge.

Fellow artists chose Davone Paquette of Ayr as first prize winner, Ron Warnock of Georgetown as second prize winner, and Arnold Bullis of Woodstock as third prize winner.

## Rockwood pupils in fair

Over 140 area students displayed projects in the Waterloo-Wellington Science and Engineering Fair at Centennial high school in Guelph, April 6-8. Some of the Rockwood students who attend Guelph schools placed in the

Science fair.

In the engineering category, intermediate division, Robert Allerelle and John Eastwood placed first for their entry An Experiment with an Electric Motor.

In the physical science category, intermediate division, Janet Veldhuis placed second for her entry Comparison of White and Yellow Lights.

In the life science category, intermediate division, Karen Allerelle placed third for her project on Bacteria in Milk Products.

## ICG auction raises \$6,000

In a display of spirit and unity the Interested Citizens' Group ICG raised about \$6,000 from an auction in the Milton Fair Grounds Saturday, according to ICG member Glenna Scott.

The bake sale and concession alone pulled in \$600, Mrs. Scott said Monday. Pies, cakes, bread, rolls, cookies and other homemade bake goods went under the auctioneer's hammer.

I was really impressed with how hard people worked and how much fun they had, Mrs. Scott said.

The ICG raised the money to help offset the cost of legal fees incurred in the five year battle against the Ontario Hydro 500 kv corridor which is planned to extend from the Bruce nuclear generating plant on Lake Huron to Milton Station where it's to connect with an already built east-west corridor. Some of the money will go to continuing the battle, Mrs. Scott said.

Many people from the Erin section of the ICG travelled to Milton for the auction, Mrs. Scott said.

# Deputy reeve vacates seat to discuss tenders

It was a matter of ethics at Eramosa township council Monday evening when deputy reeve Henry Holman Jr. vacated his seat long enough to question council on a gravel tender decision the week before.

Mr. Holman, owner of Holman Construction, was upset at council's behaviour the week before when they decided not to accept his tender. Mr. Holman had declared a conflict of interest on the matter, and sat out of that part of the meeting.

In a submission to council this week Mr. Holman pointed out that all the tender envelopes had been opened before any discussion took place concerning the tenders. Once the discussion took place, he left the room upon council's request.

"Upon returning to council chambers," Mr. Holman told council, "and upon approaching council as a representative of Holman Construction Limited, and upon being notified of council's intention to disallow the tender, I com-

mented since the tender was received by the clerk's office and placed before council, since conflict of interest had been declared by myself, and since the tender envelopes had been opened, council was obligated to read all the bids."

Mr. Holman continued, "We further contend that if the remaining council members were concerned that they might be involved with a conflict of interest, then they also are thereby disqualified from voting on the matter, and thus the matter would have to be placed before a proper judge."

Mr. Holman pointed out that council did accept work by his firm in 1977.

"A representative of our firm did receive back the opened tender of Holman Construction Limited, which in itself and in view of the circumstances does not constitute acceptance of the return of the tender and accordingly respectfully requests of council that now

its tender be considered, entered into the minutes of council, or failing that, the tenders should be recalled."

Councillor Dave Masson said he was extremely upset that Mr. Holman would put council in a situation like this. He pointed out that the business council accepted last year was planned by Wellington County before council accepted it. He contended the accepting of tender bids was at the county level.

Mr. Holman said the final decision was council's. He said that if council could consider a tender then, then why not now.

Mr. Masson suggested Mr. Holman and the council each get legal advice before the matter is pursued.

Mr. Holman denied the council is placed in a bad position. "I would do nothing to diminish council's integrity," he said.

Mr. Masson noted "If I had known he was going to make an issue out of this, we would have scrapped all tenders and

sought legal advice. It is our duty as councillors to be totally above board. We should not be in a position where our appearance is questionable."

Mr. Holman reminded the irate councillor that "I took an oath of office last year, and I intend to live up to it." He continued to say that he did his homework before placing his name on the ballot and knows the proper steps to take in matters such as this.

Councillor John McLeod, also in the construction business, said that if the township were calling for tenders to build a building, and he submitted one, he would be "technically doing it right, but I would feel that morally I was putting council on the spot."

Mr. Holman denied this and said his tender was sent in legally, and should not have been disallowed after it had been opened.

Council said they would discuss the matter further at a later date.



BILL AND Mark Morrison of Acton, a father and son team, are the new owners of Rockwood Plaza Variety.

## Change in billing concerns resident

At least one Eden Mills resident was concerned at the way his hydro billing has been changed this month. Mark Hayward thought a lot of people could find the switch a problem, and he took his questions to hydro manager Ed May in Guelph, where he found help.

Here's the story. As of January, 1978, Guelph

area transferred about 3,500 customers to three utilities in the region of Waterloo. This caused a reduction of the office staff in Guelph. A letter to all customers said, "In order that we may continue to provide the best service possible to our remaining customers, it is necessary that we realign the billing dates for some of our customers. Please be advised that the next bill you receive will show a change in your

contact. All subsequent quarterly bills will revert to the standard 90 day calculation period."

This meant that in the month of April two bills became due, one on April 6 and one on April 21, till the systems got back to normal.

"I'm badly irked by big business doing this," Mr. Hayward said. "It was high handed." The switch only affected people in the Eramosa area.

When he contacted Mr. May in Guelph, he learned that special consideration could be given to any people who have serious difficulties in making the two payments in the one month.

It was the people on fixed incomes who had concerned Mr. Hayward. "It could be a hardship to pensioners," he thought.

Mr. May said this was the only call he received about the billing change.

## New owners variety store

by Barbara Wynneck

Bill and Mark Morrison, father and son of Acton, are the new owners of the Rockwood Plaza Variety Store. Other members of the family, mother Lil and children Paul, Bill and Beth, will be assisting in the business. The store will carry groceries, variety items, ice, camping and school supplies. Their speciality will be Nelly's dip ice cream cones. The store is open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and until 10:30 p.m. on Saturday evenings.

## New member for committee

Chris Haworth has been appointed to the recreation committee by the Eramosa township council. He replaces Marg Ellis.

## Truck tender is accepted

The tender of Alan Hume to purchase an old township truck was accepted by Eramosa township council Monday evening during their regular meeting.

## Liaison committee

A local liaison committee is being formed for the sewer and water project.

At Monday evening's Eramosa council meeting, members decided roads superintendent Bob Hamilton, deputy reeve Henry Holman Jr., clerk treasurer Lloyd Hindley, Don Hills, from the community, a representative from the Ministry of the Environment, one from Woodstock Engineering and one person from Gore and Storey Engineering Consultants would sit on the committee. All meetings would be held in the council chambers.

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## Sports facilities for Rockmosa

Plans for an arena, soccer field with lights and baseball diamonds and bleachers at Rockmosa Park, Rockwood were unveiled Monday evening at the Eramosa township council meeting.

Deputy Reeve Henry Holman Jr., who sits on the recreation committee, showed council a detailed sketch of the proposed plans. Three paved parking lots were also included in the plans.

Council was impressed with the presentation, and asked which of the stages was top priority. Mr. Holman explained that the parking was the first on the list.

The soccer field was number two on the list, he said, for two reasons. The first was that there are many people in the area who play soccer and would like the field. The second is that the field is at the far end of the park. If it were one of the last stages to be completed, it could possibly damage work and landscaping already finished. By starting at the soccer field, the park could be worked at from the back of the property, to the road, he said.

The proposed arena is adjoining the existing community centre.

## Eramosa to control water, sewer by 1980

Eramosa township will assume responsibility of the Rockwood sewer and water project on January 1, 1980.

That was the motion put forth at the township council's meeting Monday evening. It came after discussion at a previous meeting when a representative of the Ministry of the Environment strongly suggested Eramosa take over the system as soon as it is turned on. Some councillors disagreed with this.

Council decided that by 1980, the system would be running as smoothly as it is planned. Until then, they said, it is best if the province looks after it with the township as onlookers, learning the system.

The Ministry is also pushing the township to hire a local operator to be in charge of the system. The councillors however cannot advertise for applicants because they have not been told by the Ministry the necessary job requirements.

It was suggested that road superintendent Bob Hamilton look after the system for the Ministry, with financial assistance from them to help offset his wages.

## Council hires student for summer office help

Helen Mitrow has been hired to work in the Eramosa township municipal office this summer, commencing May 1, until September 1.

Miss Mitrow, a university student, will receive \$130 for 20 weeks, making a total \$2615.

# It's sugaring off time at Cutty Farms

by Barbara Wynneck

Cutty Farms on the Campbellville Road; has been the scene of "sugaring off" during the last three weeks.

This is a man, woman and child powered operation—no plastic tubing or gas evaporators here! John and Maureen McLeod and their children have tapped the south side of the maple trees and hung the buckets. Twice a day they have emptied the sap into the drums, which are surrounded

by snow, where it is stored, until the sap is ready to be boiled down on the open fire.

It takes 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup. The noise of the chain saw and the whack of the axe make you aware of how much wood, the humming fires consume.

Maple syrup is achieved when the sap reaches a temperature seven degrees above the boiling point of water. Did you know that

water's boiling point changes daily?

Maureen bottles the syrup in the sugar shack. She also fires up the pancakes on the wood-fired cook stove. They are delicious topped with the finished product.

Making maple syrup in this old fashioned method requires much hard labor, but the McLeods and their friends enjoy saluting the spring out in the fresh, but smoky air.



GETTING THE pigs ready for the feast! Bill Wynneck bastes the dinner, cooking on the outdoor spit at Cutty Farms. Oh, the smoky flavor!



TIME TO load the wagon! These Rockwood kids collect the sap and keep the fires humming at the Cutty Farm Sugar Bush. They are left to right, Katey Wynneck, Kristi Duncan, Chris Hughes, Kathy McLeod, Kelly Hughes and Tim Duncan.



EXTRA SAP is stored in the snow surrounded drums, while the McLeods check the temperature of the syrup on the fire.